

In the Matter Of)
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Section 63.71 Application of) WC Docket No. _____
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Windstream Services, LLC)

Windstream Services, LLC (“Windstream”), on behalf of its competitive local exchange carrier affiliates Choice One Communications of New York, Inc., Choice One Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc., and Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC (collectively “Windstream”), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, hereby files this Application to discontinue the provision of DSL service (the “Affected Service”) in the areas of Skaneateles and West Seneca, NY; and Jenkintown and Pittsburg, PA .

1. Information listed in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4) (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(2)):

Choice One Communications of New York, Inc.
Choice One Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC
4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

b. Date of Planned Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Windstream plans to discontinue the Affected Service on or about November 30, 2018.

c. Point of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

The Affected Service will be discontinued in the areas of Skaneateles and West Seneca, NY; and Jenkintown and Pittsburg, PA .

d. Brief Description of the Type of Service to be Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The service to be affected is DSL service.

2. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

On October 10, 2018 Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notices to all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice as sent to retail customers is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and such notice as sent to wholesale customers is attached hereto as Attachment 2, the notices being compliant with, among other things, Section 63.71(a)(5) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5).

3. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (a)(4)):

Windstream is nondominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

4. Service:

In accordance with Section 63.71(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), Windstream is submitting a copy of this Application by First Class U.S. Mail to the New York

Public Service Commission and to Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission and to the Office of New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, and to the Office of Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf, and also to the Secretary of Defense (at the address given in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)).

5. Additional Questions Regarding This Application May be Addressed to the Undersigned.

6. Circumstances of Discontinuance.

Windstream provides the Affected Service across the above-identified areas via a copper-based network that Windstream leases from Verizon. Verizon is decommissioning the copper network in these locations and replacing it with newer fiber facilities. It is not technically feasible to provide the Affected Service via fiber loops -- i.e., the Affected Services are provided on end-of-life copper facilities that are scheduled to be decommissioned on or after November 30, 2018. The discontinuance of the Affected Service will affect a total of eight (8) business customers, including seven (7) retail business customers and one (1) wholesale customer across these areas of New York and Pennsylvania. To the extent feasible, Windstream will assist affected customers in migrating their services to Windstream's supported platform or upgrade to one of our more robust unified communications products. Alternatively, customers will have sufficient time to make arrangements with another service provider.

7. Conclusion

Windstream believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances. As outlined herein, Windstream will take reasonable steps, to the extent that

it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. These customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided sufficient notice of the discontinuance, are being offered alternative services to the ones being discontinued, and/or have the option to move service to an alternative provider serving these locations.

Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of the Affected Services to customers in the above-listed areas pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Cadieux". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 10th day of October, 2018, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons to the addresses listed below.

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistance for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

New York Public Service Commission
Attn: Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Commission
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Office of Governor, Andrew Cuomo
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attn: Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
400 North Street, Keystone Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Office of Governor Tom Wolf
225 Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120



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Attachment 1

Customer Notice - Retail

Attachment 2

Customer Notice - Wholesale